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Letter dated 22 September 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union in response to the statement of ceasefire by Chairman Prachanda, Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist), issued on 8 September 2005 (see annex).

I would be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union in response to the statement of ceasefire by Chairman Prachanda, Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist), issued on 8 September 2005

The European Union welcomes the statement by the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) (CPN(M)) of a unilateral ceasefire. The European Union urges CPN(M) to take concrete steps towards a permanent end to the use of violence for political ends. The European Union condemns such violence by the Maoists, which has caused considerable suffering and hardship to the Nepalese people. All political forces now need to work strenuously for a democratically based peace process leading to a durable negotiated solution, involving a national consensus and reintegration of CPN(M) into a multiparty democracy.

The European Union therefore urges CPN(M) to implement its latest undertakings in good faith, and the Government to respond positively and concretely, with a view to building the necessary confidence required for a political solution to the conflict. The European Union continues to believe that such a solution will require the assistance of an independent and credible external partner and the active support of the international community. In the wider context, the European Union stands ready to consider positively requests for whatever types of assistance the Nepalese political forces agree are appropriate.

The acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Croatia* and Turkey, the countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and the European Free Trade Area country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, as well as the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, align themselves with this statement.

* Croatia continues to be part of the stabilization and association process.